



Missouri

Severe Weather Awareness Week

March 15 - 19, 2004



The National Weather Service (NWS) and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) have declared the week of March 15 - 19, 2004, as **Severe Weather Awareness Week** for Missouri. The goal of the week is quite simple: **SAVE LIVES**. The best way to do this is by being prepared.

Everyone should have a basic knowledge of severe weather safety rules. Knowing what to do, or where to go when severe weather threatens can be the difference between life and death.

A good time for all Missouri citizens to practice their severe weather plans will be during the **30th Annual Missouri Severe Weather Drill**, which will be held Tuesday, March 16, around 130 p.m. The drill will be broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio for the **Emergency Alert System (EAS)** as a Tornado Warning using the **TOR Code**.

Special Note: The National Weather Service will make every effort to hold the drill on March 16. However, if conditions warrant, the back-up day for the drill will be

Thursday, March 18, also around 130 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to take part in the drill at the appointed time. However, if the day or time does not work, conduct a drill at a time that is best for you.

In the St. Louis area, an **amateur radio** severe weather drill will take place on March 16, starting at 630 pm. All amateur radio storm spotters are encouraged to take part in the drill.. The call sign at the NWS office in St. Louis is **WXSTL**

Public Telephone Numbers NWS Offices Serving Missouri

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|-------------------|----------------|
| St. Louis, MO | (314) 441-8467 |
| Pleasant Hill, MO | (816) 540-6021 |
| Springfield, MO | (417) 869-4491 |
| Paducah, KY | (270) 744-6440 |
| Memphis, TN | (901) 544-0399 |
| Davenport, IA | (563) 386-3976 |

Missouri Severe Weather Statistics*

Contains all data gathered as of late January 2003

| | | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| TORNADOES | Total | 84 | 39 | 39 | 27 | 41 |
| | Deaths | 19 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Injuries | 171 | 56 | 9 | 0 | 41 |
| FLASH FLOODS OR FLOODS | Deaths | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| | Injuries | 0 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 3 |
| LIGHTNING | Deaths | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Injuries | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| THUNDERSTORM WINDS | Deaths | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Injuries | 10 | 1 | 36 | 6 | 11 |
| COMBINED TOTALS | Deaths | 21 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| | Injuries | 181 | 65 | 51 | 10 | 27 |

Missouri Tornadoes
1950-2003

Total: 1484
Deaths: 179

1950-2003

Yearly Average: 28
Avg. Deaths: 3

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